

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: 0000001_Carved

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 2000307.025

Medium: Image File

Maker: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: English

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification:	Objectionable.
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Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 26 November 2020

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 25 November 2020

Summary of reasons for decision:

The image file is a comic page depicting a man engaging a young girl in sexual activity. It is deemed objectionable because it tends to promote and support the exploitation of children for sexual purposes. The comic presents children as sexually active and aware and as appropriate subjects for adult sexual use. It is clearly intended to be sexually arousing to people with a prurient interest in children. The comic encourages and legitimises such an interest. As an image file it can be shared widely among like-minded individuals. The comic may also be used for grooming potential victims of sexual abuse. The Classification Office has considered the effects of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 on the application of the classification criteria. The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression, but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications that promote and support the exploitation children for sexual purposes be deemed objectionable.